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Agency: 460 - Columbia River Gorge Commission

Statewide Result: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Implementation of the Management Plan and National Scenic Area Act

All counties of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area administer land use policies set forth by the Gorge Commission, with the exception of Klickitat County. (The Commission implements these policies for Klickitat County.) The Commission reviews county-approved plans for development to ensure consistency with the Scenic Area Act and Management Plan and disperses grant funding to Clark and Skamania Counties to provide planning and permitting services required by the Management Plan. It also reviews federal monies dispensed by Oregon and Washington investment boards in the form of economic development loans and grants.

Total \$ \$613,015

GFS \$ \$306,970

Other \$ \$306,045

FTEs 3.8

Agency Priority:

Expected Results

A Management Plan for the Gorge that is implemented in a consistent way, and that meets the intent of Congress. Development in the National Scenic Area that complies with the guidelines that are set forth in the Act and Management Plan. Increased employment and economic vitality in urban areas of the Columbia River Gorge counties, while maintaining the resource protections required in the Scenic Areas of the Columbia River Gorge.

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Policy Making and Hearing Citizen Appeals

The primary function of the agency is to set land use policies for counties with land in the National Scenic Area. The counties of the Gorge carry out these policies and issue land use decisions. Citizens have the option of appealing County decisions to the Commission, which acts as a quasi-judicial body by reviewing the facts of the case and then rendering a final decision. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private Local)

Total \$ \$422,467

GFS \$ \$221,119

Other \$ \$201,348

FTEs 2.5

Agency Priority:

Expected Results

A cohesive set of land use ordinances for the National Scenic Area. Protection and enhancement of the Gorge resources, as mandated by the National Scenic Area Act. Consistency among Gorge counties in administering land use ordinances and issuing building permits that comply with Scenic Area regulations. The ability of the citizens to approach the Commission to hear issues and make determination of correctness of county land use decisions.



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Public Outreach and Technical Assistance to Counties

This activity increases public awareness of the National Scenic Area Act and Management Plan, and provides assistance to counties in its implementation. The Commission is developing a Geographic Information Systems database for the Gorge, which will include a digitized map, parcel identification, and location of scenic, plant, animal and cultural resources. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private Local)

Total \$ \$274,241

GFS \$ \$137,328

Other \$ \$136,913

FTEs 2.2

Agency Priority:

Expected Results

Increased understanding of the Scenic Area Act by the citizens and counties of the Gorge. Decreased appeals by citizens due to an increased understanding of the guidelines, and increased development that meets those guidelines. Land use decisions by the county planning departments that are consistent with Scenic Area guidelines. Understanding of the guidelines by the county planners that will result in decisions that comply with Scenic Area guidelines. A greater ability of the county planners to explain Scenic Area guidelines to citizens of their counties. This will result in fewer appeals to the Commission of county decisions.

Sub-Total for Agency 460 - Columbia River Gorge Commission

Totals \$1,309,723

GFS \$665,417

Other \$644,306

FTEs 8.0